GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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REQUIREMENT OF INDUSTRIAL LICENCES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether industrial licences are still required for some industries;

(b) if so, the details of such industries;

(c) whether the Government propose to make the industrial licence policy more liberal; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a) and (b): There are now only six industries requiring industrial licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. These are -
(i) Distillation and brewing of alcoholic drinks;
(ii) Cigars and cigarettes of tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes;
(iii) Electronic Aerospace and defence equipment: all types;
(iv) Industrial explosives including detonating fuses, safety fuses, gun powder, nitrocellulose and matches;
(v) Hazardous chemicals; and
(vi) Drugs and Pharmaceuticals (according to modified Drug Policy, 1994, as amended in 1999).

(c) and (d): Review of the industrial policy including licensing matters, procedures and their implementation, with a view to facilitate industrial growth, is an on-going process with the Government.